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TO: All Iowa Medicaid Providers (Excluding Individual Consumer Directed Attendant Care and Waiver)

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Iowa Medicaid Enterprise ICD-10 Provider Readiness Survey

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

On January 16, 2009, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the final rule mandating that everyone covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) must implement ICD-10 code sets for medical coding on October 1, 2013. On August 24, 2012, the HHS announced that it would delay the ICD-10 compliance date by one year to October 1, 2014. The change in the compliance date for ICD-10 gives providers and other covered entities more time to prepare and fully test their systems to ensure a smooth and coordinated transition to these new code sets.

The IME continues to prepare for the implementation of ICD-10 by reviewing policy and preparing for updates to medical coverage, rules, operational procedures, and technical systems and intends to conduct external end-to-end testing with providers between October 2013 and October 2014. The IME urges providers to continue forward with their ICD-10 projects and to ensure plenty of time for robust testing of ICD-10 claims alongside production of ICD-9 claims beginning in the final quarter of 2013. This will ultimately ensure a smooth transition to ICD-10.

The IME is conducting this **ICD-10 Provider Readiness Survey** to determine if your organization is impacted by the change to the ICD-10 code sets and to gauge your current readiness for implementation. The information gathered from this survey will be shared within the IME to support a successful implementation of the ICD-10 code sets.

Please complete one survey for each provider agreement (each unique tax ID) that you have with the IME. Given the array of questions in this survey, please ask others within your organization for assistance in completing it as necessary. Your organization may receive future surveys in the continuing effort to assess the impact of the implementation of ICD-10 codes.

This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and **MUST BE COMPLETED BY 12:00 PM (Central Time) on Monday, OCTOBER 22, 2012.**

Please click on the link below to access the survey

[IME ICD-10 Provider Readiness Survey](#)

The IME appreciates your partnership as we work together to serve the needs of Iowa Medicaid members. If you have any questions on ICD-10 please send an email to:

icd-10project@dhs.state.ia.us. For more information, please visit the ICD-10 IME website at <http://www.ime.state.ia.us/Providers/ICD10.html>.

Additional Online Resources on ICD-10:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

For more information regarding ICD-10 codes and the mandate to change to these new code sets, please visit the CMS ICD-10 web site at <http://www.cms.gov/icd10>.

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)

AHIMA collaborated with the American Medical Association (AMA) to develop the physician model for implementing ICD-10. Please follow the link at

[AHIMA Physician Model for Implementing ICD-10](#) to access this model.